AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1 (currently amended). A device ~~for calculating~~ <u>that calculates</u> a white balance control amount for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image signal ~~generating processor~~ <u>generator</u> that generates an image signal corresponding to a first image formed on a light receiving surface of an imaging device;

an image area ~~extracting processor~~ <u>extractor</u> that extracts at least one image area, which contains a second image of a subject positioned at a predetermined distance from said electronic still camera, from said first image; and

a control amount ~~calculating processor~~ <u>calculator</u> that calculates a control amount for performing a white balance adjustment, based on ~~said~~ <u>an</u> image signal relating to ~~said at least one~~ <u>a single</u> image area.

2 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said image area ~~extracting processor~~ extractor extracts [[a]] said single image area, and said control amount ~~calculating processor~~ calculator calculates said control amount, based on said image signal relating to said single image area which is extracted by said image area ~~extracting processor~~ extractor.

3 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 2, wherein said second image is in-focus, and said single image area is extracted by selecting pixels from said first image, said pixel corresponding to points within a predetermined range from said predetermined distance.

4 and 5 (canceled).

6 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said control amount ~~calculating processor~~ calculator extracts a third image composed of an achromatic color from said second image of said image area extracted by said image area extracting processor, and calculates said control amount based on only said third image.

7 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said image area ~~extracting processor~~ extractor comprises a three dimensional image data sensing processor that senses three dimensional data indicating a distance from said electronic still camera to each point on a surface of said subject.

8 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 7, wherein said three dimensional image data sensing processor comprises a light source radiating a distance measuring light beam onto said subject, and a three dimensional image signal ~~generating~~ ~~processor~~ generator that generates three dimensional data indicating a distance from said electronic still camera to each point on a surface of said subject.

9 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 8, wherein said three dimensional image signal ~~generating processor~~ generator comprises said image signal generating processor.

10 (currently amended). The [[A]] device ~~according to~~ of claim 8, wherein said three dimensional image signal ~~generating processor~~ generator comprises:

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a plurality of photoelectric conversion elements that receive a reflected light beam from said subject, so that a signal charge corresponding to an amount of said received reflected light beam is accumulated in each of said photoelectric conversion elements;

a signal charge ~~holding unit~~ holder disposed adjacent to each of said photoelectric conversion elements;

an electric charge ~~discharging processor~~ discharger that discharges an unwanted charge accumulated in each of said photoelectric conversion elements, so that said accumulation of said signal charge is started in each of said photoelectric conversion elements;

a signal charge ~~transfer processor~~ transferor that transfers said accumulated signal charge in said photoelectric conversion elements to said signal charge ~~holding unit~~ holder; and

a signal charge ~~integrating processor~~ integrator that alternately drives said electric charge ~~discharging processor~~ discharger and said signal charge ~~transfer processor alternately~~ transferor, so that said signal charge is integrated in said signal charge ~~holding unit~~ holder.

11 (currently amended). A device ~~for calculating~~ that calculates a white balance control amount for an electronic still camera which photographs an image containing at least

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one subject and at least one portion other than said at least one subject, said white balance

control amount calculating device comprising:

an ~~imaging device~~ an imager by which an image signal corresponding to said image

is generated;

an image area ~~extracting processor~~ extractor that extracts at least one image area, each

image area containing one of said at least one subject, from said image; and

a control amount ~~calculating processor~~ calculator that calculates a control amount for

performing a white balance adjustment, based on said image signal relating to ~~said~~ a single

image area.